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1. AS REGARDS IEPG REQUEST TO POSTPONE TAD MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28-29, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO
AVOID POSTPONEMENT, GIVEN TIGHT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS
HERE AND, WE UNDERSTAND, IN SOME IEPG CAPITALS.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE TWO PAPERS WHICH WE OFFERED AT
THE APR 27 MEETING TO PROVIDE, WE DO NOT WANT THE
PAPERS THEMSELVES TO BECOME THE FOCUS OF DISCUSSION
AT THE JUNE 28-29 MEETING. WE REGRET OUR DELAY IN
FORWARDING THE PAPERS, BUT WERE CONSTRAINED BY
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SUMMIT PREPARATIONS. WE HOPE THIS NEXT TAD MEETING
WILL FOCUS RATHER ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INVOLVED,
ON WHICH OUR PAPERS SHOULD FURNISH CLARIFICATION OF
US INTENTIONS. IN ADDITION, WE PLAN TO PROPOSE AT
THE MEETING SPECIFIC DEFENSE EQUIPMENT PROJECTS ON
WHICH WE HOPE THE DIALOGUE CAN BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD,
IN THE INTEREST OF FINDING PRAGMATIC WAYS TO ADVANCE

ARMAMENTS COOPERATION IN THE ALLIANCE.

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